

Thugs Beat Nixon Aide Going to Job

Researcher Attacked Viciously on Way to GOP Offices

Charles Lichenstein, a researcher for Richard M. Nixon, was viciously beaten by two robbers as he walked to work at a downtown Republican headquarters Saturday morning.

The 36-year-old Yale graduate walked daily to and from his apartment at 3951 W. 7th St. to his office at 9th St. and Grand Ave., a distance of about three miles.

At 5:45 a.m. Saturday, on 8th St. near Figueroa St., only four blocks from his destination, two men jumped out of a car and demanded his wallet.

Thugs Fled

When he refused, police said, the thugs slugged him with pistols on the head and face, and fled empty-handed.

Lichenstein, a small man, stumbled to 7th St. and Broadway where someone summoned police and an ambulance. He was bleeding profusely from the wounds.

In a 1½-hour operation at General Hospital, a team of brain surgeons Saturday night successfully corrected a depression in Lichenstein's skull. His condition was described as serious.

Gandy Quinn, a press aide to Nixon, said Lichenstein worked for Nixon during the 1960 Presidential campaign and recently rejoined the staff as a personal representative for the former Vice President.

He was assigned to do research for Nixon's gubernatorial contest.

Lichenstein was an assistant professor of political science at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and had been employed by the Central Intelligence Agency prior to working for Nixon.

Aides at the Republican headquarters said Lichenstein always started from his apartment about 5 a.m. and walked briskly to work, reading news magazines en route. He had told friends how he enjoyed the peacefulness of the early morning hours.

He also walked home after work in mid-afternoon.